Promotion of Urdu

†2752. SHRI R.S.GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received some suggestions from the National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise

Shortfall in the target for Mid-Day Meal Scheme

2753. SHRI N.R.GOVINDARAJAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's main objectives to increase the number of school going children and to provide them nutritional food under the Mid-Day Meal scheme have not achieved desired results throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Under the revised Mid-Day Meal Scheme, effected from Sept, 2004, cooked food of minimum 300 calories with 8-12 grams of protein is being provided to children studying at Primary stage. With the launch of the revised scheme, the coverage of children has increase to about 12 Crore in 2005-06 as against 11.20 Crore in 2004-05.

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